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**Important Dates to Remember**

**May 30**  
Memorial Day office closure

**May 31**  
ECP signup ends

**June 1**  
2011 DCP/ACRE signup ends

**June 30**  
Crop reporting deadline

**July 15**  
2010 ACRE production report deadline

**July 29**  
2009 SURE signup ends



**Notice to Hispanic or Women Farmers and Ranchers: Compensation for Claims Discrimination**

If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic, or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation. You may be eligible if:

1. you sought a farm loan or farm-loan servicing from USDA during that period; and
2. the loan was denied, provided late, approved for a lesser amount than requested, approved with restrictive conditions, or USDA failed to provide an appropriate loan service; and
3. you believe these actions occurred because you are Hispanic or female.

If you want to register your name to receive a claims package, you can call the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429 or access the following website: [www.farmerclaims.gov](http://www.farmerclaims.gov).

**2011 ACRE/DCP Deadline**

The deadline to enroll in both the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) and the Direct and Counter-cyclical Programs (DCP) is **June 1, 2011**.

**Acreage Reporting Deadline**

Acreage reports are required under the 2008 Farm Bill to maintain eligibility for the DCP and ACRE programs, as well as CRP, NAP, SURE and most livestock disaster programs. Reports are also required to commodity loan eligibility. **June 30, 2011**, is the final date to timely certify. Beyond that date, fees will be assessed for late-filed acreage reporting.

**ACRE Production Deadline**

Producers have until **July 15, 2011** to certify their 2010 ACRE production. Production amounts are used to calculate potential

ACRE-ACRE payments and benchmark yields for future benefits. Failure to meet this deadline will require a refund of all 2010 payments and termination of the ACRE contract.

**2009 SURE Sign up Deadline**

The deadline for producers to submit applications for 2009 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE) is **July 29, 2011**. The application and all required documentation must be on file and signed by this date.

**ECP Sign Up**

Signup for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) runs thru **May 31, 2011**. Cost-shares can be paid to affected producers to replace livestock fencing destroyed by the Davenport/Rocklyn wildfires of August 2010. The percentage of cost-sharing is based on the age of the fence to be replaced, and the fences can be boundary and/or cross fences.

**Farm Changes and Reconstitutions**

Any changes in your farm's physical makeup, such as adding or removing land, can impact your acreage base. Farm reconstitutions must be requested by **August 1** to be effective for the 2011 program year. Your farm must comply with program requirements as the operation is currently structured, including required signatures and acreage reporting. Requesting a farm reconstitution after signup could delay your payment, require refunds, or require the process to be completed again.

**BUDGET CUTS:** Due to budget cuts, this may be the last county newsletter for the fiscal year ending **September 30, 2011**. County offices may not have the funds necessary to print field maps. Producers are encouraged to contact this office for program deadlines and other information.